

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 3618

TITLE: PSYCHIATRIST

GRADE: S-35

NATURE OF WORK:

This is advanced professional medical and supervisory work in the field of psychiatry. An employee in this class performs medical psychiatric diagnosis and treatment with a minimum of supervision. The incumbent is independently responsible for prescribing medication and certifying to the provision of therapeutic treatment based on evaluation of patient's condition and progress. Unusually difficult cases are assigned to the incumbent, who is also a consultant for other therapists at the Center. May act as a specialist in a sub-area of psychiatry such as child psychiatry. May be designated as chief psychiatrist to coordinate the work of staff psychiatrists.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Any one position may not include all of the duties listed, nor do the examples cover all of the duties which may be performed.)

Conducts drug maintenance clinic for after care and borderline but ambulatory population to maintain them outside a hospital. Prescribes treatment plan and psychotropic medication based on medication evaluation.

Supports other therapists in emergency psychiatric evaluations.

Evaluates exceptionally difficult cases. Recommends disposition.

Responds to requests for assistance in crisis intervention situations as part of a combined staff approach.

Provides consulting support for therapists in several disciplines and varied aspects of the mental hygiene program.

Provides individual, couple, and family therapy both short and long term.

Coordinates psychiatry training.

Participates in group therapy (with a co-therapist) for adolescents and children. Counsels parents of children and adolescents in treatment on an individual and family basis.

Leads or participates in administrative, programmatic, and clinical meetings.

Acts as chief of an important component of the total program involving a small staff.

Evaluates patients for social services, courts, social security, and programs such as vocational rehabilitation, and home-bound teachers.

REQUIREMENTS OF WORK:

Extensive knowledge of modern psychiatric theory and practice.

Thorough knowledge of causes, treatment, and prevention of mental illness.

Considerable knowledge of available community resources useful in the treatment and prevention of emotional maladjustments.

Considerable knowledge of the clinical use of educational and psychological tests and techniques.

Ability to establish and maintain effective and cooperative relations with professional, administrative, and other persons working in related fields, such as local welfare and public health departments, schools, courts, law enforcement hospitals and other institutions.

Ability to plan and execute work effectively.

Ability to supervise the work of Mental Health Therapists.

DESIRABLE PREPARATION FOR WORK:

Doctor of Medicine degree.

Completion of approved residency training in psychiatry.

Any combination of education, training, and experience giving evidence of competence in meeting the Requirements of Work above and certification as a Child Psychiatrist if essential for the existing vacancy.

NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR WORK:

Possession of a license to practice medicine in the State of Virginia.